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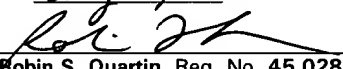
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action dated February 14, 2000 for the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition, and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please make the following amendments to the section that was inserted before the original first line of the specification, by way of Preliminary Amendment on July 26, 1999:

At line 2 of the insert, insert --now allowed,-- after "June 6, 1995,".